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sHB-5430

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOIDS.

AMENDMENT

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***See Fiscal Note Details***

**Section 501** requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to establish a pilot program to provide grants to serve persons with opioid use disorder by January 1, 2023, rather than requiring the program be established within available appropriations by January 2022. Grants under the program will support at least two peer navigators, which is anticipated to cost approximately \$150,000 to \$175,000 per community, for up to five communities.

**Section 502** creates a new crime of manslaughter in the second degree through the sale of illegal drugs, punishable by a class C felony, and results in potential cost and potential revenue from fines. On average, the marginal cost to the state for incarcerating an offender for the year is \$2,500<sup>1</sup> while the average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800<sup>2</sup> each year.

**Sections 503-504** establish an Office of the Chief Drug Policy Officer

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<sup>1</sup> Inmate marginal cost is based on increased consumables (e.g. food, clothing, water, sewage, living supplies, etc.) This does not include a change in staffing costs or utility expenses because these would only be realized if a unit or facility opened.

<sup>2</sup> Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant. This does not include a cost for additional supervision by a probation officer unless a new offense is anticipated to result in enough additional offenders to require additional probation officers.

within the Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA) by July 1, 2022. OGA will require at least three positions to meet the requirements of this amendment which is anticipated to cost approximately \$236,000 to OGA for salary and equipment and approximately \$92,280 to the Office of the State Comptroller for associated fringe benefits.

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